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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MEETING BETWEEN FONMIN PATTERSON AND SECY VANCE

REFERENCE: A. STATE 39006 B. KINGSTON 827

1. DURING FEB 21 MEETING WITH FONMIN PERMANENT SECY FRANCIS TO DISCUSS REFTEL (A), FRANCIS STRESSED TO CHARGE IMPORTANCE OF AN EARLY MEETING BETWEEN FONMIN PATTERSON AND SECY VANCE. AS HE PUT IT, TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE OWING NOT ONLY TO DEEPENING ECONOMIC CRISIS, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF "INCREASING PRESSURES" WITHIN AND WITHOUT CABINET FROM THE RADICAL LEFT. THE STRATEGY OF THE MODERATES IN RESISTING SUCH PRESSURES INCLUDES IMPROVED RELATIONSHIP WITH THE USG (READ ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE). HOWEVER, SITUATION IS NOW DETERIORATING SO FAST THAT RADICAL LEFT MAY SOON TAKE JAMAICA PAST THE POINT OF NO RETURN VIS-A-VIS POSSIBILITIES FOR IMPROVED RELATIONSHIPS.

2. COMMENT: FRANCIS' ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IS AN OVER-SIMPLIFICATION BUT IT IS A GENUINE EXPRESSION OF CONCERN SHARED BY MANY HERE. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, WE WOULD AGREE THAT OUR INTERESTS
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AND THOSE OF JAMAICA'S MODERATES ARE BEST SERVED BY AN EARLIER RATHER THAN LATER MEETING.
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